

REMARKS

In the April 30, 2007 Office Action, the title was objected to and claims 1-7 stand rejected in view of prior art. Claim 5 also was rejected for failing to indicate and claim particularly and distinctly the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In response to the April 30, 2007 Office Action, Applicant has amended the specification and claims as indicated above. Thus, claims 1-7 are pending, with claims 1 and 7 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

Priority

On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Office Action stated that a reference to the prior application must be inserted in the specification or in an application data sheet. Applicant notes that the application data sheet claims priority to the Japanese application. Applicant has amended the specification to insert a claim for priority into the specification. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Specification

On pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action, the title was objected to and a new title was required. In response, Applicant has amended the title as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

On page 4 of the Office Action, claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In response, Applicant has amended claim 5 to clarify that the electrical component box is disposed so that electrical components which take up a large amount of

space amongst the control components are lined up in the axial direction with the drive device. Applicant believes that the claim now complies with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

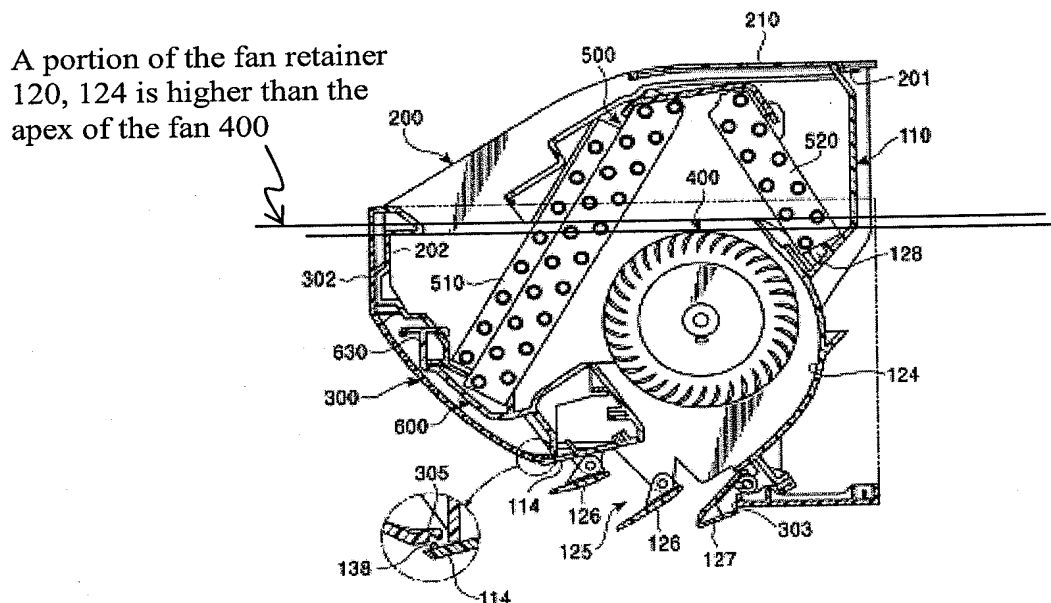
Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

On page 4-7 of the Office Action, claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0144513 (Gunji et al.).

Independent claim 1 recites that each portion of the support unit is positioned at a height of an apex of the ventilation fan or lower.

The Office Action designates the fan retainer 120 of Gunji et al as the claimed support unit. The fan retainer 120 has a rear wall that is formed into a rear air direction guide 124. See paragraph [0058] of Gunji et al. Referring to the annotated Figure 4 of Gunji et al below, the rear air direction guide 124 of the fan retainer 120 extends **higher** than the fan 400.

FIG. 4



Annotated Figure 4 of the Gunji et al patent

Thus, each portion of the fan retainer 120 is *not* positioned at a height of an apex of the fan 400 or lower. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is not anticipated by the prior art of record. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Moreover, Applicant believes that the dependent claims are also allowable over the prior art of record in that they depend from independent claim 1, and therefore are allowable for the reasons stated above. Also, the dependent claims are further allowable because they include additional limitations. Thus, Applicant believes that since the prior art of record does not anticipate the independent claim 1, neither does the prior art anticipate the dependent claims.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

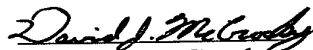
Prior Art Citation

In the Office Action, additional prior art references were made of record. Applicant believes that these references do not render the claimed invention obvious.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-7 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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